

GOSSIP OF THE RUNNERS.

GIDSON & DALY'S STABLE OF RACERS TO BE SOLD TO-DAY.

Headed by a pair of horses, the Gidson & Daly stable of racers is to be sold to-day. The stable is one of the best in the country, and has been the property of the late John Gidson, who was one of the most successful breeders and trainers of the time. The stable is located at the Gidson farm, near the city, and contains a large number of horses of various breeds and colors. The sale is expected to attract a large number of buyers, and the horses are expected to fetch high prices.

That racing over a distance of ground is popular with the public and of favor among racing men has been demonstrated many times this season. The long-distance events almost invariably bring out large crowds of spectators and small fields of starters. Saturday's sport at Brighton Beach furnished a notable illustration. For the first time during the meeting the card included five events at a mile or a greater distance, and the attendance was by far the best of the week, but the list of starters dwindled down to two or three horses in a race, bringing speculation to a standstill and all but destroying the chance for a hard-fought contest. It is not very surprising, perhaps, that owners and trainers show a decided preference for sprint races, for as a matter of course it is possible to start a horse much earlier and still keep him on edge when asked to run only five or six furlongs than when asked upon to cover a distance of ground. So long as purses are as large and the betting as heavy on insignificant dashes of five furlongs as for races at a mile and a quarter, it is pretty certain that the minor events will continue to have overflowing entries, and that the trotting and steeplechase night races at anything above a sprinting distance.

Under the old order of things, when the law, legalizing bookmaking, was in force, and the racing associations derived the bulk of their revenue from this source, it did not seem much to the track managers whether the racing card was such as to please the spectators, so long as it developed heavy betting; and under this condition of things sprint racing, which suited the owners and the bookmakers, grew to enormous proportions, almost superseding distance racing on all except a few of the leading tracks. Now that the financial scheme has been revolutionized by the new racing laws, which prohibit the sale of betting privileges, leaving the managers of race meetings almost wholly dependent upon gate receipts, a different sort of racing is being developed. The Jockey Club and the racing associations are turning away from the sport with the masses by doing away with sprint races in a measure and returning to the old system of racing in vogue ten years ago, when stamina as well as speed was put to the test, and when a horse must show his ability to go two miles or further before he was hailed as king of the turf. The worst phase of the modern craze for sprint racing is its degenerating influence upon the breed of thoroughbred horses. Instead of improving the breed, and selecting for stamina and speed, the breeders are now selecting for speed alone, and the result is a breed of horses that are fast but lack stamina, and are therefore of little value for anything but a short race.

It is said that racing men in Chicago have at last decided to put the matter of regulating race-track betting, and that a new bill will be presented to the special session of the legislature. The bill is expected to be a compromise between the wishes of the racing men and the public, and is expected to be passed. The bill is expected to be a compromise between the wishes of the racing men and the public, and is expected to be passed. The bill is expected to be a compromise between the wishes of the racing men and the public, and is expected to be passed.

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